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Winchester, Mass., April 13 1898.

Mr. Wm Brewster.

Dear Sir

There are so many calls for permits to shoot song and insectivorous birds, many of which we are convinced are from careless and irresponsible persons, that this Board voted not to issue any permits for merely private collections and after consultation with the President and others of the Boston Society of Natural History, have sent the enclosed circular to all applicants.

As you may be called upon for endorsement we thought it well to let you know just what we are doing. — the stand we have taken for the preservation of our birds.

Yours truly

E A Brackett

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Dear Sir

There has been so much destruction of bird life under the plea of "scientific investigation" that this Board, after mature consideration, has decided, unanimously not to issue any permits for taking birds and eggs except to scientific institutions or to parties who can bring endorsement from the Boston Natural History Society, or other high authority that they are really engaged in the scientific study of Ornithology.

The returns to be endorsed by the same authority.

Yours truly